

Dewey Answers

A Newsroom Wiki

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Introduction

- Open source software
 - MediaWiki
 - Linux OS
- Started in December 2005
- Local stylebook became a Wiki
- Everyone in the library contributes
- Why Dewey Answers?

Philosophy and Objectives

- Long term project
 - Dewey Answers is a long term asset
- Built on each day's paper
 - News of definitive value added to Almanac
 - Research performed for a story
- Closed Wiki
 - Librarians and senior editors (stylebook)
- Single source of information
 - Published Dispatch articles
 - Library research

What does Dewey Answer?

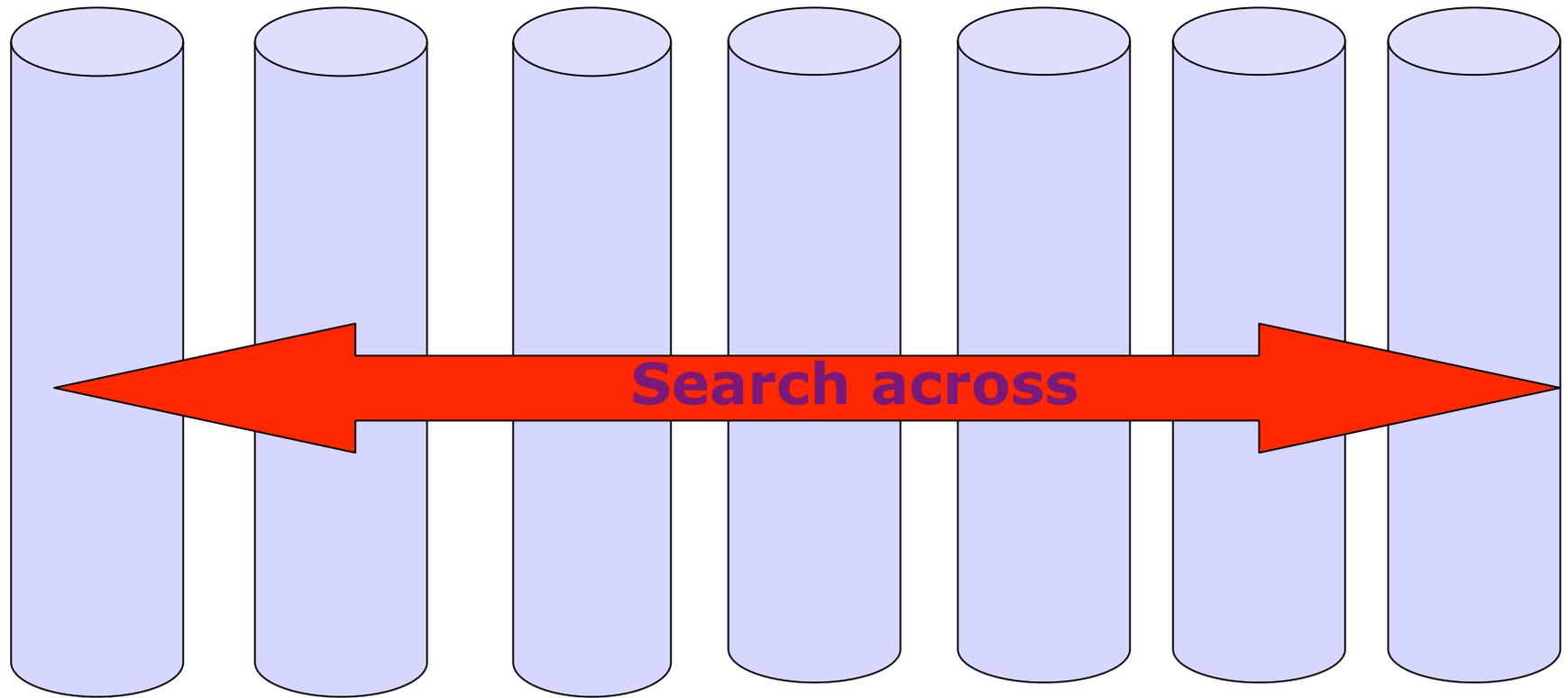
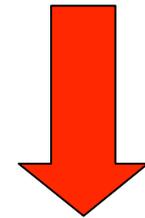
- Quick, accurate background on recent news events
- Profiles of newsmakers
- Local stylebook
- A news almanac
- Timelines
- Tipsheets, newsroom documents

Categories

- Category: Almanac
- Category: Buildings
- Category: Events
- Category: People
- Category: Quick Lookups
- Category: Stylebook
- Category: Tipsheets
- Category: Welcome Wagon

Categories are silos

Browse within



Almanac

Buildings

Events

People

**Quick
lookups**

Stylebook

Tipsheets

Categories can have subcategories

- Almanac
 - months, years, decades, anniversaries, chronologies
- People
 - business, crime, deceased, entertainment, politics, sports

Future categories?

- Category: Sports
 - OSU football?
- Category: Dispatch
 - Printed corporate history as well as library generated materials

Administration

- The Dewey Answers editor changes each week as part of extra duties
- Librarians can create any article of their own choosing at any time
- Monthly Dewey Answers meeting

Donna James article

March 26, 2006



Donna James with husband Larry James in their art-filled home in Missouri.

A life in balance

Despite her many achievements, Nationwide exec Donna James says she 'wasn't finished living'

By Tracy Turner
THE COLUMBIAN COURIER

The wake-up call for the corporate dynamo came unexpectedly one cold January morning last year.

Donna A. James couldn't move. The pain shooting through her body was so strong that she couldn't talk, the right side of her body paralyzed.

Her husband, lawyer Larry James, found her unconscious on the bathroom floor of their lovely Missouri home.

She'd had a mild stroke, an event, she says, that left her with a deeper understanding of what life means and a new way in which to prioritize it. "If for fear I had wasn't a fear of dying, but a fear that I wasn't finished living yet," James said. She knew then that it was time to re-evaluate and change her life.

So James, who grew up in the segregated South, who overcame the stigma of being a valedictorian, and who defied racial and gender stereotypes to climb the corporate ladder as one of the highest-ranking black female executives in the country, decided it was time to retire.

She did so at the age of 48, at the top of the corporate game as president of Columbia-based Nationwide Insurance Investments.

James announced in December that she was leaving the \$157 billion, Fortune 100 insurance and financial services company to focus on the new 25 years of her life.

Setting its first executive office on the 27th floor of the Nationwide building, with breathtaking views of downtown, James described her career as a long race, where "you stop and take a deep breath before you get ready for the next leg."

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James holds her granddaughter Shelby Scott, 2, at a reception in James' honor as she prepares to retire from Nationwide Strategic Investments.

Donna A. James

- **Age:** 48
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, North Carolina A&T State University
- **Experience:** president of Nationwide Strategic Investments, 2003-2006; assistant vice president, chief administrative officer, 2001-2003; senior vice president and vice president, Global Human Resources, 1999-2003; vice president, office of the CEO, 1993-1996; director, Investments Product Operations, Nationwide Life, 1989-1993; manager, Investment Product Operations, Nationwide Life, 1982-1989; an acting specialist, Nationwide Professional Services, 1981-1982
- **Spouse:** Curtis Cole Enterprises, Limited Brands
- **Awards:** honorary doctorate from Tiffin University, Delta Gamma Sigma Award for outstanding business achievement, Spirit of Adversity Award for Young Women in Science and Technology, 1983; Woman of Achievement Award; the Mark D. Phillips Urban Bankers Award for Outstanding African American Woman in Financial Services; Ohio Woman of Courage Award
- **Family:** married to lawyer Larry James; two sons, five grandchildren
- **Life motto:** "There are no coincidences."

← Timeline

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James, Donna A

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Donna James in 2004.

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